# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6140
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DEMAND OF INDIAN DRUG MANUFACTURERS TO AMEND PATENT ACT
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a): whether the Indian Drug Manufacturers Associations has demanded anamendment to the Patent Act to meet national emergencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Some of the major Indian Drug companies, through theirassociations have made representations on various issues relating to proposed amendments in the Indian Patent law. The Patents Act, 1970 read with the Patents (Second Amendment), Bill, 1999 as reported by the Joint Committee of Parliament, contains adequate provisions for safeguarding national interest and public health including those relating to dealing with circumstances of national emergency.